

SPECIAL ONE SHOT

Legend of  
a faraway  
land

Witness the 2002  
Shogakukan World's  
Top 100 Manga  
Award!

FIRST STAGE

# 獣王の勇者達

A  
certain  
era

SHOGAKU KANSHA



ONE (WANPANMAN)

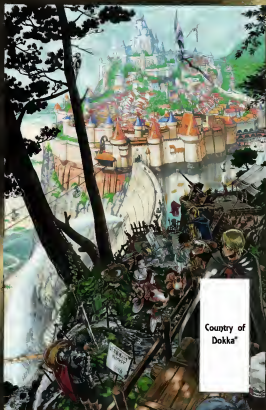
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MURATA ETSUKE

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Country of  
Dokka

"We literally 'Somewhere Country', 'dokka' means 'somewhere'



Castle of  
Nanka\*

\*Yes, literally "Somewhat Castle", "nanka" means "somewhat"



King!

YES?

King Rushkheet



What?!



King  
Rush-  
kheet!!

The princess  
was taken  
away by the  
Demon King!!



YOU DARE  
TAKE AWAY  
MY ONLY  
BELOVED  
DAUGHTER...!!!

DAWN  
YOU,  
DEMON  
KING!



I will prepare  
the most mind-  
blowing reward  
for rescuing my  
daughter!!

Go find me a  
hero!! According  
to legend, the le-  
gendary hero who  
defeats the Demon  
King should exist  
somewhere!

The one  
who successfully  
rescues her from  
the Demon King  
will be allowed to  
**HAVE THE  
PRINCESS  
HAND IN  
MARRIAGE**



Bussino

Recruiting a  
legendary  
hero!!!



SHE'S  
PERFECT  
FOR THE  
DEMON  
KING.

TO RESCUE  
THAT? NO  
WAY.

HUNNA

IT SAYS  
THEY'RE  
LOOKING  
FOR A  
HERO.

I better see  
results, or  
it's off  
with your  
head!!



Fine! Get  
me those  
heroes by  
any means  
necessary!



Not a single  
person has  
applied to  
battle the  
Demon  
King.

IF I USE THAT ITEM,  
HEROES WILL BE  
DRAWN FOR SURE...  
ALRIGHT JUST  
DON'T BLAME ME  
WHATEVER HAPPENS!



YOU  
SERIOUS?

Why? I  
prepared  
the most  
generous  
reward....!



The warrior  
who rescues  
me from the  
Demon King  
will- wh-wh-  
what?  
**MARRY  
ME!!?**

Best dish  
Nikujaga  
3 sizes are  
B89W37H82



The  
princess  
awaits the  
legendary  
hero



Please  
The Demon King's castle

Princess  
Buseino-chan (18)

NO, YOU'LL BE  
UP AGAINST  
THE EVIL  
DEMON KING...  
LEAVE THIS  
TO ME!

No!  
Hold up!  
I will...

I will...

Keh! That  
bastard  
Demon  
King!

Whaat  
...!!

Abducting a  
fair princess -  
unforgivable!



I AM THE  
WARRIOR.



ACTUALLY, I'VE  
BEEN THINKING  
THAT I MIGHT BE A  
WARRIOR SINCE A  
LONG TIME AGO.  
I'M QUITE CERTAIN.

I'VE HEARD  
THAT MY DISTANT  
RELATIVE WAS A  
HERO. IT'S HIGHLY  
LIKELY THAT THE  
BLOOD OF A HERO  
RUNS THROUGH  
MY VEINS.



WELL, MY FATHER  
SAID THAT HE WAS  
A HERO BEFORE  
BECOMING A DENTIST.  
SO I RECKON I'M  
THE HERO.

...AND JUST NOW,  
I HEARD THE  
VOICE OF GOD.  
THE LEGENDARY  
HERO IS, WITHOUT  
A DOUBT, ME



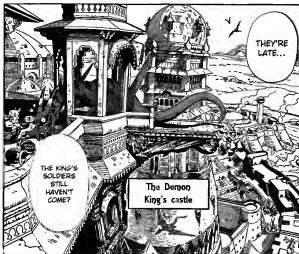
LISTEN UP.  
BEING A HERO  
HAS NOTHING  
TO DO WITH  
HEREDITY OR  
BLOOD. A  
HERO IS  
CHOSEN.

YOU  
PEOPLE  
HAVE BEEN  
SAVING A  
LOT OF  
SEEMINGLY  
REASONABLE  
THINGS...

I'M SORRY  
FOR HEARING THIS  
FROM EVERYONE.  
ACTUALLY, I AM  
THE HERO.



SO THE TIME HAS  
FINALLY COME...





THAT TIMID,  
INCOMPETENT  
KING...

I HAD TO TEACH  
THAT KING A  
LESSON AND GET  
HIM STRAIGHT. I  
EVEN WENT TO THE  
LENGTHS OF  
TAKING THE PRIN-  
CESS, YET HE STILL  
HASN'T COME TO  
SAVE HER.

JUST HEARING  
RUMOURS OF  
HIS CORRUPT  
POLITICS RILES  
ME UP.

**Demon King Osekkai\***

\*NB. This is a play on words. "Osekkai" sounds like "Oseki" meaning "World"



UNBELIEVABLE...  
DOES HE FEAR  
ME THAT MUCH?

HE'S USING  
OUTSIDE  
HELP AT A  
TIME LIKE  
THIS... YOU  
SAID?



THERE ARE POSTERS  
UP AROUND  
THE COUN-  
TRY.

IT SEEMS  
THAT THE  
KING'S  
BEGIN  
LOOKING  
FOR  
HEROES.

WHAT A SORRY  
STATE OF AF-  
FAIRE... I AM  
FLABBERGASTED  
BY THE DEPTHS  
TO WHICH HUMAN  
MORALS HAVE  
SUNK IN THESE  
PAST FEW CON-  
TINENTS!!

AND WHAT'S  
MORE, THERE IS  
NOT ONE SOUL  
BRAVE ENOUGH  
TO DEFEAT ME  
AND SAVE THE  
PRINCESS!!?

AND SHE DOES  
NOTHING BUT EAT.  
I WOULDN'T BE  
SURPRISED IF THEY  
ABANDON HER.

IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO BRING UP  
THE COURAGE  
TO BRIDGE  
THAT TONGUE.

IT'S CLUE  
THE PRIN-  
CESS ISN'T  
PRETTY.

**It's awful to  
judge someone  
by their looks!!**

**You  
imbeciles!!**

DEMON KING-SAM,  
LET'S EAT. WHEN  
NECESSITY DICTATES,  
ONE SHOULD EAT ONE'S  
ENEMY'S MEAT.

Y-YES, I  
SORRY...



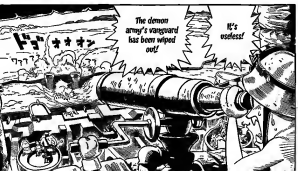
Demon  
King-come!!  
People who seem  
to be heroes are  
attacking!!

Enemy  
attack—!  
Enemy  
attack—!



HAI! INTERESTING...  
FACING NOT! ASSUME  
BATTLE POSITIONS!

HMM? SO  
THERE ARE  
STILL SOME  
HUMANS WITH  
BACKBONES LEFT!



The demon  
army's vanguard  
has been wiped  
out!

It's  
useless!



*They've  
broken through  
the main en-  
trance! They're  
surging into  
the castle!*

*There are  
a lot of  
them!*



*How many  
of these are  
there?!*

*It-  
impossible!*



!?

Why that?

I cannot!  
Every single  
one of them  
calls himself  
a hero!



Demonic  
Mirror  
Monitor,  
show him  
to me!

So the hero  
this time  
possesses  
a great  
unifying  
power?



SO THEIR  
SENSE OF  
JUSTICE  
HAS BEEN  
ROUSED...

It's incomprehen-  
sible! The demand  
"return the princi-  
cess" is deafening!



HAVE THESE  
DAVE ARE SO  
GOOD AT RUNNING  
INTO DEFEAT  
THAT I HAVEN'T HAD  
ANYTHING TO DO!

INTERESTING!  
IT'S BEEN CENTU-  
RIES SINCE WE  
FELT SUCH EX-  
CITEMENT!



I SHALL  
FACE YOU  
IN MY TRUE  
FORM...!





HAAA...  
CUTE LITTLE  
LAMBS...

AGAINST ME, THE  
DEMON KING, NO  
MATTER HOW MANY  
OF YOU THERE ARE,  
THE DESPERATELY  
HUGE DIFFERENCE IN  
POWER WILL NOT  
DISAPPEAR...

ILL TEACH  
YOU ONE  
THING...

A black and white manga-style illustration. The entire background is a dense, swirling mass of many small, stylized eyes, each with a different expression. In the center, a character is falling or diving headfirst into this sea of eyes. The character is depicted as a dark silhouette with long, flowing hair, and their arms are outstretched. The impact of the fall creates a large, bright white splash in the middle of the eye sea.

THE  
NUMBERS  
WERE A BIT  
TOO OVER-  
WHELMING.

I HAVE  
LEARNED MY  
LESSON.



SHE'S SO HEALTHY  
THAT SHE WAS JUST  
EATING FRIED RICE AND  
SIDES A MOMENT AGO.



RATHER  
THAN SAFE...



YOU CAN  
TAKE HER  
BACK NOW,  
VALIANT  
WARRIORS.

THOUGH I HAD  
NO INTENTION TO  
DO ANYTHING TO  
HER ... THIS IS  
A COMPLETE  
DEFEAT.

IN ALL  
HONESTY, I  
GORELY UN-  
DERESTIMATED  
YOU PEOPLE...



Castle  
of  
Narka

Kuroshio.es

WHY?

King!  
It's terrible! The  
horde of heroes is  
attacking! They  
look extremely  
angry!

Country  
of Dokka  
Annihilated.

END